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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend

their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 3585

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

SOLAR TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 846 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3585.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3585) to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, and for other purposes, with Mr. SABLAN in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read for the first time.

The gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am pleased that we're considering H.R. 3585, the Solar Technology Roadmap Act sponsored by Science and Technology Subcommittee Chair Gabrielle Giffords. This bipartisan bill has a number of cosponsors including myself, subcommittee Chair Brian Baird, and Dan Lipinski, as well as committee members Michael McCaul and Roscoe Bartlett.

I assume solar power is not the first name that comes to your mind when you think of the State of Tennessee; but over the last few years we have really seen firsthand the major potential that solar energy has to create new jobs across the country and reduce our dependency on foreign oil in the process.

Recently, two major producers of special materials used in solar panels have chosen Clarksville and Cleveland, Tennessee, as sites for their next large factories, each with over \$1 billion investment creating hundreds of jobs, plus many more jobs in larger investment with the supply chain, as well as universities now setting up courses in management for the solar panel industries. And this is happening all across the State and communities all across our Nation. And that's why we need a national plan, and that's why we are discussing this important bill today.

H.R. 3585 establishes a comprehensive road mapping process for solar technology research, development, and

demonstration activities conducted by the Federal Government in partnership with industry. The Secretary of Energy is also directed to award grants to carry out these programs by meritbased review specifically to provide awards to industry-led consortia research, development, and demonstration in solar manufacturing.

The road map provision in the bill is molded on the successful National Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors, which has been instrumental in helping semiconductor technology advance rapidly over the past two decades.

H.R. 3585 incorporates recommendations of the witnesses who appeared at the Science and Technology Committee, as well as input from a variety of academic, government, and industry experts. Science and Technology Committee staff closely consulted with the minority in the development of this bill. We accepted several minority amendments, and the vast majority of items in our manager's amendment in committee were also suggested or requested by the minority. The bill was voted out of committee on a bipartisan voice vote.

H.R. 3585 has been officially endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Solar Energy Industries Association, British Petroleum, IBM, Intel, and National Semiconductor.

I look forward to voting for several good amendments today and strongly urge my colleagues here to support a bill that will help our country take back the leadership position in this fast-growing industry and put our best minds to work to meet our future energy needs.

Once again, I want to commend Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. McCAUL on their leadership on this issue. I would also like to take a moment to recognize staff who worked on this bill: Adam Rosenberg, Wyatt King, and Elaine Ulrich on the majority side; and Elizabeth Chapel and Tara Rothschild on the minority side. Without the hard work of the staff on both sides of the aisle, producing good bills like this one would not be possible.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, of course, to speak on H.R. 3585, the Solar Technology Roadmap Act.

I would first like to thank the sponsor of the bill, Representative GIFFORDS, and also Chairman GORDON, for working with our side of the aisle to address concerns and incorporating suggestions to the extent that you were able to. While we didn't come to an agreement on everything, we came to an agreement on a lot of things. But I do feel that we were given the opportunity to state our case and make our arguments. Unfortunately, the areas in which we were not able to reach an agreement remain of concern.